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SUBJECT: TENG HSIAO-PING VISIT TO MALAYSIA

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1. FURTHER TO REFTEL REPORT OF POSSIBLE IMPENDING
VISITS BY PRC VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING TO
MALAYSIA AND MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN
TO CHINA, FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN TOLD REPORTERS
AUGUST 28 THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY FOR TENG TO VISIT
KUALA LUMPUR AND FOR HUSSEIN TO TRAVEL TO PEKING. RITHAUDDEEN
SAID THAT THERE IS A "GREAT LIKELIHOOD" THAT BOTH VISITS
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WILL TAKE PLACE SOON. PRESS REPORT OF RITHAUDDEEN'S REMARKS
SUGGESTED THAT TENG WILL COME TO MALAYSIA IN LATE OCTOBER
OR EARLY NOVEMBER AFTER HIS TOUR OF THAILAND. ON AUG 27
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER MAHATHIR ALSO TOLD REPORTERS THAT A
TENG VISIT TO MALAYSIA AFTER HIS BANGKOK TRIP IS LIKELY.

2. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH PRC DIPLOMATS,

EMBOFF RECEIVED FURTHER CONFIRMATION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF
A TENG VISIT. WHILE SCRUPULOUSLY AVOIDING DIRECT CONFIRMATION
OF THE VISIT, ONE CHINESE EMBASSY OFFICER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT
WAS "A POSSIBILITY." GIVEN THE CARE WITH WHICH PRC DIPLOMATS
NORMALLY DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS, EMBOFF TOOK THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
TO MEAN THE VISIT IS ALMOST CERTAIN.
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